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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Commander Maurice Dailey of Chicago on January 14, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, One of nine children, Mr. Dailey grew up on the West Side of Chicago and graduated from St. Mel High School; after a short stint in the United States Marine Corps, he joined the Chicago Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, He arrived in the Rogers Park District in 1994 to run a tactical team for the city's new community policing program; his background in narcotics was also essential to the community at the time; and

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WHEREAS, In 1997, when troubled community relations prompted the department to oust the Monroe District commander, Mr. Dailey was picked to smooth things over; and

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WHEREAS, Most of the police officers who had known Maurice Dailey for years called him "commander" out of respect after the veteran made the rank in 1997, but they knew he wouldn't have batted an eye if they still called him "Mo"; he ended his career as commander of the Monroe District on the West Side, never letting his success go to his head; and

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WHEREAS, He retired in 1999 and spent much of his time hunting and fishing on a farm in Savanna, Illinois, where he and his wife had bought land and built a house; he developed his love of hunting and fishing from childhood trips to an uncle's home near Kankakee; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Commander Maurice Dailey is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Donna; his son, Sean; his daughters, Megan and Carrie Trost; his eight

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1 siblings, Theresa, Buddy, Julie, Sheila, Mary Pat, Timothy,
2 Mary Virginia, and Jim ; and his two grandchildren; therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Commander Maurice Dailey and extend our
7 sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and community;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
11 sympathy.